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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Stephen M. COUTTS, et al.

Serial No.: 09/752,533

Filing Date: December 29, 2000

For: CONJUGATES OF CHEMICALLY  
DEFINED NON-POLYMERIC  
VALENCY PLATFORM MOLECULES  
AND BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE  
MOLECULES

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**REPLACEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002 (Paper No. 13) for which a response was due on May 10, 2002 and for which a five-month extension of time is also requested to extend the due date for response to October 10, 2002.